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FOR BODNER FROM POLANSKY

REPRESENTATIVE TIP O'NEIL AND SENATOR HUGH SCOTT MADE
REMARKS IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD THIS WEEK REGARDING
UPCOMING MFA BILATERAL TEXTILE DISCUSSIONS, GIST OF WHICH
IS:

A. PRODUCTION AND EMPLOYMENT IN MEN'S AND BOYS'
CLOTHING INDUSTRY DECLINING - 30,000 WORKERS LOST JOBS
SINCE 1969.

B. IMPORTS HAVE MORE THAN DOUBLED (1969-1973) AND
MUCH GROWTH HAS OCCURRED SINCE BIG FOUR WOOL AND MAN-MADE
AGREEMENTS SIGNED IN 1971.

C. INDUSTRY CONTINUES TO HURT, 1974 SALES, PRODUCTION,
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EMPLOYMENT AND PROFITS ARE DECLINING.

D. O'NEIL SAID MFA BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS MUST TAKE
INTO ACCOUNT MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING INDUSTRY SITUATION
AND "NEW MFA CANNOT SERVE AS AN EXCUSE TO LOOSEN THE BONDS
REGULATING IMPORTS OF THESE PRODUCTS."

SCOTT STATED "IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT U.S. ENDEAVOR TO
NEGOTIATE REDUCTION (REPEAT) REDUCTION IN ALLOWABLE
EXPORTS TO THE U.S. OF KEY ITEMS OF MEN'S AND BOYS'
TAILORED CLOTHING." KISSINGER

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